

SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Committee Meeting of July 10, 2020

10:00 a.m., Room 202-02

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building

110 Centerview Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29210

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice emailed to The State newspaper, Associated Press, WIS-TV and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the Board's website and on the bulletin boards located at both of the main entrances of the Kingstree Building where the Board office is located.

Mr. Jerry Alewine, Committee Chairman, called the conference call meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., on Friday, July 10, 2020 with a quorum present. Other members of the Committee present were as follows: Joel Livesay, RCP, Luca Paoletti, MD, Jerry Alewine, RCP, Scott Simms, RCP, Sean Callahan, MD, Christopher Perry, MD, and Angela Gildner, RCP. Allan Dunphy, RCP absent.

Members of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) staff participating during the call included: Candace Parnell, RCP Program, Administrative Assistant, Sheridan Spoon, Board Administrator, and Adam Russel, Advice Counsel.

Also present during was Robin Riebold, with Capital City Reporting, LLC.

Meeting agenda approved.

Minutes from April 17, 2020 were approved.

PICC Lines

Joan Demarest, MUSC Pediatric Flight Nurse spoke concerning RRT's Scope of Practice administering PICC lines within SC, bedside. After extensive discussion about protocols, and competencies the committee does not foresee any issues beyond their scope. The committee approved that SC licensed RRT's be allowed to place PICC lines under guidance of a licensed physician to include competency demonstration. Motion made by Scott Simms, RCP, Dr. Perry seconded. Motion carried.

Remote PAP Set-up

Mike Purcell, Sleep Technology Group LLC asked for support of RRT's to remotely deliver, set-up and monitor patients were physicians have ordered/prescribed CPAP Therapy. After discussion, the committee approved to recommend to the board that RRT's be allowed to set-up provided the therapist hold a SC license to perform setup. Motion was made by Joel Livesay, seconded by Sean Callahan, MD. Motion carried.

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Respiratory Care Practitioners with Temporary Licenses applying for Permanent Licensure:

After review, a motion was made to approve all applicants with temporary licenses for permanent licensure (33). Second by Scott Simms. Motion carried.

Sheridon Spoon spoke briefly on the 90-day Emergency Licensing process.

Jerry Alewine spoke briefly on the CEU options and that the Annual Conference has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Jerry Alewine made a motion to adjourn at 10.32 am. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Room 202-02.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Parnell
RCP Program Administrative Assistant